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### **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the September 11, 2017, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

#### **Board members present:**

Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Dean Sirucek, Secretary/Treasurer; Lori Curtis, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Cynthia Ingelfinger and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Caitlin Overland, Flathead County Attorney's office; Kurt Hafferman; Clint M. Brown; Wayne Beatty; Jason Beatty; Greg Davis; John Powell; Steve Wright; Cameron Wohlschlegel, FH Stoltze Land & Lumber; Don Murray.

### **MINUTES**

*The spelling of Dean Sirucek's last name was corrected on page 4.*

Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the minutes of the 8/28/2017 business meeting as amended." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email: *Save The Date*, 2018 Montana Water Summit, March 6-8, Helena. More information to follow.
  2. Email: Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basins Council activities update. Contact Erin Farris-Olsen [erin@mtwatersheds.org](mailto:erin@mtwatersheds.org)
  3. Email: Phillips Conservation District summer newsletter Jenifer Anderson, [www.phillipsconservationdistrict.com](http://www.phillipsconservationdistrict.com), (406)654-1334 ext. 101
  4. Email: 2017 Supervisor Summit, October 31 – November 1, Heritage Inn, Great Falls. Contact Cascade Conservation District 406-727-3603, Ext 125. Registration due 10/20/17.
  5. Email: Flathead Audubon Society September newsletter *Pileated Post* Contact [lindawin@centurytel.net](mailto:lindawin@centurytel.net)
  6. Email: MACD Convention, MACDEO Event information, November 15, 6PM – 9PM, Holiday Inn, *Tailgate Party*, (wear your favorite team colors).
  7. Email: Reduced Tillage Tour, September 8, 10AM – 1PM, Schlemmer Farms, MM 36, Hwy 310, Fromberg, MT. Contact Carbon Conservation District, 406-962-3641, ext 105, [mabel.schwend@mt.nacdnet.net](mailto:mabel.schwend@mt.nacdnet.net)
  8. Email: Center for Native Plants end of season sale. Contact [www.centerfornativeplants.com](http://www.centerfornativeplants.com)
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9. Email: Montana Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant applications due November 1.  
<http://agr.mt.gov/Noxious-Weed-Trust-Fund-Grants>
10. Email: The State Nursery currently has a surplus of native plants available at discount prices, including willow, cottonwood, alder, etc. for fall planting. Contact Beau Downing with the Natural Resource Damage Program, 406-444-0291  
[beaudoing@mt.gov](mailto:beaudoing@mt.gov).
11. Email: August 31<sup>st</sup> issue of *The Montana Conservationist* <http://swcdm.org>
12. Email: Whitefish Planning Board meeting will be held, Thursday, September 21, 2017, 6:00 P.M. <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/boards-and-committees/whitefish-city-county-planning-board.php>
13. 2017 Supervisor Summit, October 31- November, Heritage Inn, Great Falls. Contact 406-727-3603, Ext. 111.
14. Email: Montana Watershed Coordination Council Lodgepole 2017 Watershed Projects Tour, September 18-20. Contact [jill@mtwatersheds.org](mailto:jill@mtwatersheds.org)
15. Email: Fall 2017 issue of River 2 Lake News [www.FlatheadRiverToLake.org](http://www.FlatheadRiverToLake.org)
16. Email: Gallatin CD September 2017 newsletter *Conservation Journal*.  
<http://www.gallatincd.org>
17. Email: Liberty CD newsletter *Liberty County News* - Contact 406-759-5778
18. Email: Kalispell Parks & Recreation reminder - next Friday is the deadline to submit grant applications to the Montana Urban & Community Forestry Association (MUCFA). Any Montana community, business, nonprofit can apply with creative and innovative urban forestry project ideas. <http://mucfa.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/MontanaUrbanForestry/>
19. Email: Gallatin CD newsletter, go to [www.gallatincd.org](http://www.gallatincd.org)
20. Email: Carbon Conservation District is hosting a Reduced Tillage Tour, Friday, September 8, 10AM-1PM, Schlemmer Farms, Fromberg, MT. Contact 406-962-3641, Ext. 105 [mabelschwend@mt.nacdn.net](mailto:mabelschwend@mt.nacdn.net)
21. Email: Montana Watershed Coordination Council September 7<sup>th</sup> newsletter *Watershed News* <http://mtwatersheds.org>
22. Email: Flathead Lakers are hosting the *Living by Water Native Plants Workshop and Walk & Talk tour*, September 23, 10AM-Noon, 234 Lakeside Blvd, Lakeside, MT. Contact Hilary Devlin, 406-883-1341, [hilary@flatheadlakers.org](mailto:hilary@flatheadlakers.org)

### **FINANCIAL**

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
3. Robert Peccia & Associates \$16,000.00

Mark Siderius made a motion "to approve the bills as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one was present to comment on items not listed on the agenda.



### **310**

**BEATTY**, FL2017035, Flathead River, bk stabilization/dock/irrig structure: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to table pending further information.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BRUMMEL**, FL2017040C, Whitefish River, complaint: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to Brummel.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. FALLS ALUMINUM CO**, FL2017042, Flathead River, remove panels: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, October 3, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

**COMPTON**, FL2017034E, Whitefish River, notice of emergency: Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to approve the notice of emergency.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMPTON**, FL2017044, Whitefish River, bank & boardwalk stabilization: Discussion held. Lori Curtis made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEAULT FMLY PROP.**, FL2017024, Mill Creek, irrigation structure: Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the application with modifications submitted 7/10/2017.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FOSTER**, FL2017043, Unnamed, culvert: An on-site inspection was set for Tuesday, October 3, 1:45 P.M. at the site.

**GOODWIN**, FL2017019C, Mill Creek tributary, complaint: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “the after-the-fact 310 application FL2017039 satisfies the complaint.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**GOODWIN**, FL2017039, Mill Creek tributary, remove dead trees: Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the after-the-fact application. No additional work is needed.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**KOWALKA**, FL2017029C, Lost Creek, complaint: Verdell Jackson made a motion “the submittal of application FL2017041 satisfies the complaint.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**KOWALKA**, FL2017041, Lost Creek, road maintenance, bank stabilization: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**LEWIS**, FL2017037C, Ashley Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “this is not a violation, as permit FL2017012 is still valid.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**NIELSEN**, FL2017036, Stillwater River/Martin Creek, culvert: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**STALOWY**, FL2016050, Bear Crk, permit modification request/tech review: The technical review from RESPEC was reviewed. Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to forward questions #1-5, excluding #2, to Mr. Stalowky for further clarification on work he is proposing.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SWIETEK**, FL2017045, Logan Creek, temporary ford: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, October 5, 9:30 A.M. at the Star Meadows turnoff.

**WALTERS**, FL2017025, Flathead River, request for arbitration: A request for arbitration was received from the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife & Parks. Caitlin Overland explained that the Flathead County Attorney’s office will act as the administering agency for the arbitration process. To begin the process, each party (Flathead CD, Fish Wildlife & Parks, and the applicant) must submit names and qualifications of three persons for the arbitration panel. Panel members must live in Flathead County and consent to being on the panel. The board must submit criteria for panel members to Valerie Kurth within the next 10 days. This criteria will give direction to Valerie in determining panel members. Valerie will provide names of panel members on behalf of the FCD to the Flathead County Attorney’s office by October 9<sup>th</sup>. After reviewing the qualifications, a judge will pick 3 from the panel list of 9.

Mark Sideirus made a motion “that the FCD sign form 271 acknowledging receipt of the arbitration request.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**WINDNAGLE**, FL2017031, Flathead River, dock: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**THERKELSEN**, FL2017046, Bales Creek, utilities: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, October 5, 11:45 A.M. at the site.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**PARTIAL DUES LETTER:** Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the 8/28 phone poll for the partial dues letter to MACD.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- MACD Convention – Resolution
- Area V Meeting – September 26<sup>th</sup>, Missoula
- Equifax Data Breach

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark Siderius made a motion “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

<u>9/25/2017</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

